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Representing Point Lonsdale Residents since 1910

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To: BoQ Mayor – Cr. Ross Ebbels;
BoQ Councillors - Cr. Fleur Hewitt, Cr. Susan Salter, Cr. Michael Grout, Cr. Donnie Grigau.

CC. Mr. Martin Gill - CEO BoQ;
CC. Phil Carruthers - General Manager Organisational Performance & Community Services;
CC. Johann Rajaratnam - General Manager Planning & Infrastructure;

BOROUGH OF QUEENSCLIFFE 10 YEAR VISION

We are pleased to offer on behalf of our membership, the Association's submission on the Borough's 10 year plan.

We would like to retain the current Vision Statement associated with Borough logo.

1. Support the retention and viability of Australia's last Borough.

How:

- Remain independent and financially prudent;
- Continue to improve the Governance of the Borough;
 - Adhere to Government regulation and reporting requirements and respond to VAGO and Local Government survey reporting;
- Continue to be part of the regional forums;
- Resolve the "One 3225" boundary issue;
- Keep local ratepayers and residents involved and informed; and
- Improve what we already have in terms of a desirable tiny coastal haven.

2. Address the challenges of the climate emergency.

How:

- Adopt the Climate Emergency Response Plan including emission targets and pillars if appropriate;
- Conduct information sessions and public engagement as part of the Climate Emergency Response Plan; and
- Prepare integrated coastal erosion and rising sea-level solutions with other Bayside Councils.

3. Foster a diverse, caring, happy and involved community.

- Keep the local community fully informed about Council's projects and programs;
 - Respect the views of ratepayers and be supportive of residents in need;
 - Retain Council's existing aged care services;
 - Involve the community in Council and RDV Asset Control Committees;
 - Involve the community in Council sub-committees and resist "spin doctoring"
 - Celebrate our identity and heritage whilst acknowledging the first nation's cultural identity and custodianship of the land.
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4. *Build on our heritage and environmental strengths to make Queenscliffe a special place for visitors and local residents.*

- Review and expand heritage controls so they include all of Queenscliff township;
- Strengthen planning scheme controls to further protect heritage buildings, precincts and streetscapes;
- Encourage Eco-tourism and protection of our beaches, bays and natural environment;
- Complete the Point Lonsdale Maritime and Defence Precinct upgrade program and support Federal heritage listing;
 - If appropriate include recommendations from the Bellarine Distinctive Areas and Landscapes into our local planning scheme provisions;
 - UNESCO heritage vision for Southern Port Phillip Bay including Point Lonsdale Maritime and Defence Precinct, Fort Queenscliff and Shortland's Bluff, Swan Island Fort and Point Nepean military complex;
 - Consider the future of the Fort Queenscliff and Swan Island should the Commonwealth relocate these facilities some time in the future;
 - Review the Point Lonsdale Structure Plan with a renewed emphasis on its special environmental values and natural character.

5. *Promote Queenscliffe as a Cultural, Arts, Hospitality, Accommodation and Eco-Tourism Centre.*

How:

- Target the high end tourism market with suitable state-wide media promotional material and develop a suitable tourism strategy for the Borough;
- Support all local businesses and consolidate retail in existing locations;
- Formulate a transportation and traffic strategy for the Borough including future car parking requirements;
- Assist businesses (and homeowners) to improve their heritage premises with heritage loans;
 - Support sustainable Eco-tourism by making the most of our RAMSAR areas, Marine National Parks and heritage assets.

6. *Continue to grow Queenscliffe as a knowledge and education centre.*

How:

- Should the Department of Defence vacate the Fort consider adaptive reuse of the "A" listed heritage facility as a knowledge and education centre;
- Keep our 3 primary schools and kindergarten viable and thriving;
 - Encourage Government to invest and relocate research or education facilities to Queenscliffe e.g. similar to Deakin University's recent involvement in "The Narrows" Fishery Department Facility; and
 - Capture the community's creative talents to improve the Borough's liveability and employment opportunities.

7. *Improve the biodiversity of our natural environment – Queenscliffe as the green Borough.*

- Restore and increase the biodiversity of our natural environment;
- Focus on becoming green, sustainable and environmentally conscious;
- Increase the tree canopy coverage of the Borough and restore Avenue of Honour
- Restore our Botanic Park and increase tree planting in our parklands.
- Improve open space, parklands and reserves.
- Incorporate Coastal and Marine Management Plan into the Council Plan

Yours Sincerely – David Kenwood

PLCA President

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